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Ms. Marilyn B. Reeves, Chair
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Dear Ms. Reeves:


REQUEST TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE SITE MANAGEMENT BOARD REGARDING THE COLUMBIA RIVER COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRCIA)

In response to your letter of February 7, 1997, the requested briefing to the Site Management Board on the CRCIA has been scheduled for March 17, 1997, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room 780 of the Federal Building. In attendance for the briefing will be the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), Deputy Manager, Lloyd Piper, the RL Assistant Managers, RL Direct Reports, and me. Bob Stewart, RL Project Manager of the CRCIA, has been in contact with Greg deBruler, the CRCIA representative for the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB), regarding details for the briefing.

My office is aware that a great deal of effort has been expended by the CRCIA Team members, including representatives from the HAB and other Stakeholder/Tribal groups, and looks forward to the briefing. Please communicate the acceptability of the cited time and date to Mr. Stewart and identify the HAB attendees so that we can ensure appropriate accommodations.

Please contact me or Mr. Stewart, on (509) 376-6192, if you have any questions about this letter or our arrangements for the CRCIA briefing.

Sincerely,


John D. Wagoner
Manager

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Dear Mr. Wagoner:

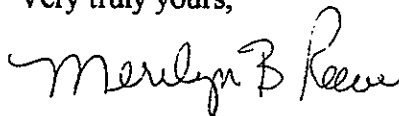
Over the last year and a half, the CRCIA Team has spent a great deal of time and effort defining requirements in order to do a comprehensive assessment of the Columbia River. Part II of the CRCIA document which was written by the Team will be released shortly, along with the Screening Assessment, for public comment. The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) requests an opportunity for the CRCIA Team to give a briefing to the Site Management Board (SMB) as soon as possible to provide input into the budget process.

The Hanford Advisory Board believes it is essential that DOE senior staff have a valid understanding of the CRCIA Requirements document as we enter this critical period of budgeting and prioritization of workscope. The proposed assessment is to be considered for funding for the first time this budget cycle. The CRCIA Team briefed some DOE managers and contractors on January 29th. A lot of emphasis has been placed on making the CRCIA analysis reasonable and valuable to all the programs on the site and to the decisions we all face in the future.

It is important to the HAB that your degree of support, and that of the SMB, be based upon the best information. We encourage you to take this opportunity to hear from the stakeholders represented by the CRCIA Team. The CRCIA Management Team will make this presentation and it should take no longer than one hour, including questions and answers.

We appreciate your participation during this briefing and feel confident that you will see the value of this very important briefing.

Very truly yours,



Merilyn B. Reeves, Chair
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Subject: CRCIA Briefing to Site Management Board (SMBN)

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Based upon an informal caucus of CRCIA Team members after the ER Committee Briefing of 2/19/97, a date has been set for the CRCIA Team briefing to the SMB. Additionally, I have other pertinent information regarding the briefing which I am passing on.

. Date, time for Briefing:

March 17, 1997, 10:00 a.m. (usual SMB Meeting time)

. Place: Federal Building, Room 780

I understand that the briefing is to be first on the agenda and be scheduled to start promptly at 10:05 a.m., and be completed NLT 11:05 a.m. However, I also understand that it may not start promptly if preceding meetings go long, but that we should be ready in the anti-room.

. General guidelines regarding briefings to SMB (realizing that this is not a typical DOE Briefing and DOE management wishes to be flexible)

- a) Please allow time for questions and answers
- b) Electronic copy of handout material desired week in advance (in our case, by March 10; this is not a "hard" requirement for the Team, but desirable)
- c) Need to advise regarding presentation aids (e.g. two Viewgraph Machines?)
- d) Provide completed "information summary" (in required format) on topic of briefing (generally required to schedule briefing to SMB. I had prepared one earlier for Linda Bauer,

Assistant Manager for ER; it is attached. I suggest that it be revised per CRCIA Team consensus and submitted as part of the record for the SMB by March 10th, but this is not a hard requirement.)

. Note on "Purpose of Briefing" to SMB:

Based on the YIN letter to the MGR of 2/5/97, which requests a "FAMILIARIZATION" briefing, and initial discussions of the CRCIA Team, I indicated in my internal request for the briefing (thru AME/Linda Bauer) that it was to be INFORMATIONAL (see attachment). Because this was changed at the 2/18 CRCIA mtg (to additionally seek a management commitment to CRCIA follow-on), I notified our Deputy Manager (Lloyd Piper) and Linda of this change so that the SMB is not misled. In general they responded to me that the Team would be better served to emphasize providing information, as originally requested, noting that opportunities for commenting on the budget are part of the budget process. CRCIA Team members need to be cognizant of their advice as we prepare for the 3/17 briefing.

Please contact me if there are questions about this message or the scheduled briefing.

Bob Stewart

2/4/97

Site Management Board - Information Summary

Title: Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment (CRCIA) Team* Briefing re: CRCIA Comprehensive Assessment

* Team is composed of the Following: Ralph Pat - State of Oregon, Greg deBruler - HAB, Tom Woods - YTN, Stuart Harris - CTUIR, Paul Danielson - Nez Perce, Larry Gadbois - EPA, Dave Holland - Ecology, Bob Stewart - DOE/RL, Roger Dirkes - PNNL, Tony Knepp, BHI, Amoret Bunn - GSSC

Requested Presentation Date: Week of February 17th, 1997

Sponsor: Linda Bauer, AME

POC - Bob Stewart, DOE CRCIA Project Manager

Originators: CRCIA Team/CRCIA sponsoring organizations (State of Oregon, HAB, Tribes, EPA, Ecology, DOE/AME)

Facts: The CRCIA Team was organized in August 1995 to work out contentious issues and guide the CRCIA. To resolve the issue of lack of "comprehensiveness", an agreement was reached (and recorded as TPA Milestones) that the CRCIA Team would work together to define what stakeholders considered to be needed for a "comprehensive assessment". That work is now near completion, and to be published in the form of "requirements for a comprehensive assessment". These "requirements" in concept define an assessment methodology which would evaluate ALL contaminants and materials originating at Hanford as to their current and potential future impact on the Columbia River. This assessment would be based on facility/waste site "end state" determinations, be cross-programmatic and be somewhat akin to - but significantly larger in scope than - the DNFSB 94-2 "Composite Analysis" now underway.

The HAB recently endorsed the CRCIA comprehensive requirements concept, requesting that DOE continue work on the CRCIA, with CRCIA Team participation "...to develop a baseline risk assessment methodology and to provide better sitewide coordination of risk and impact assessments among the projects and programs at Hanford" (HAB Letter to Mgr, December 5, 1996).

The work to plan and undertake the assessment methodology for implementing the "Comprehensive Requirements concept is significant. A first stage is communicate and discuss in detail what it is and what would be required. This process has begun, with a CRCIA Team briefing to representatives from the major Hanford Projects and cross-cutting organizations on February 3, 1997. As a next step, The CRCIA Team members want to provide an INFORMATION briefing to the SMB.

Implications: Stakeholder members of CRCIA want to see the CRCIA comprehensive requirements concept carried out, such that potential impacts to the Columbia River are a major basis for Hanford decisions.

Costs: Costs are not known, but estimated to be somewhat similar to a major EIS - \$10 - 20M(?). Cost estimating work has just been initiated to better define this.

Coordination: DOE and contractor representatives have been briefed from each major Project and Support organization. Major groups also briefed include the HAB and the Site Integration Group (SIC), in addition to individuals from various organizations.